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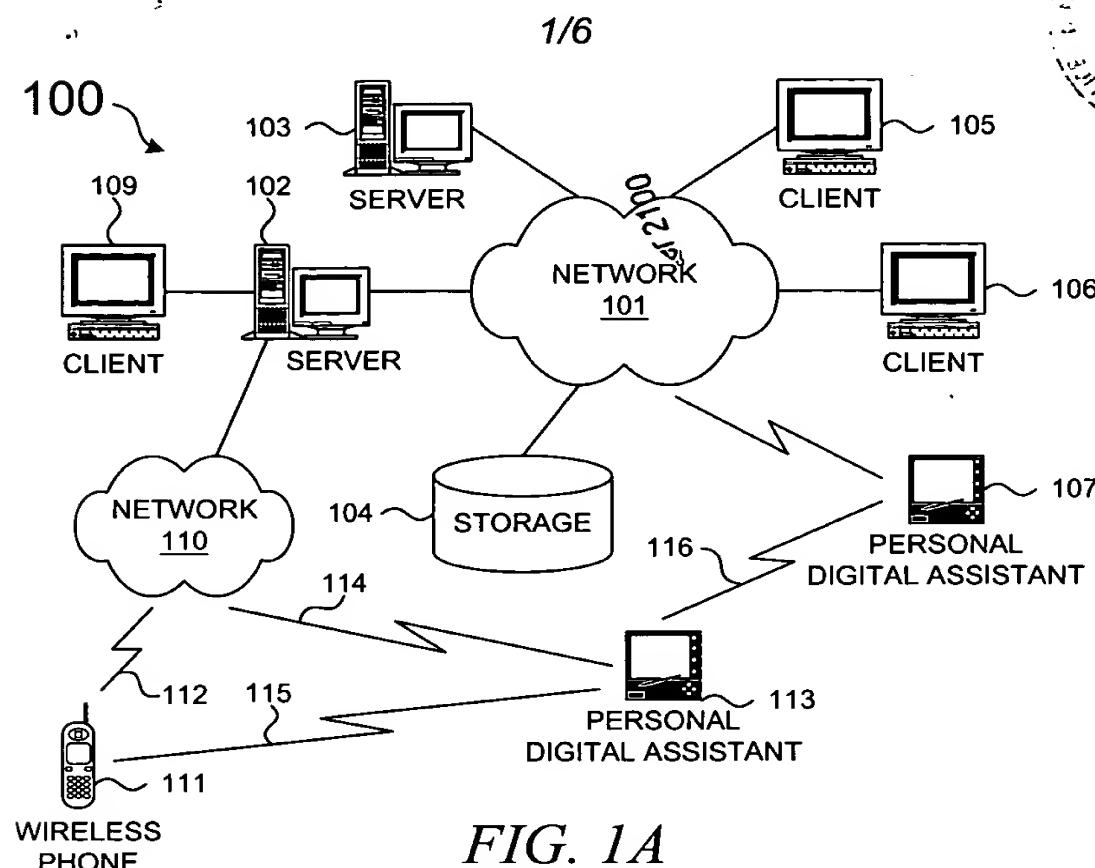


FIG. 1A
(PRIOR ART)

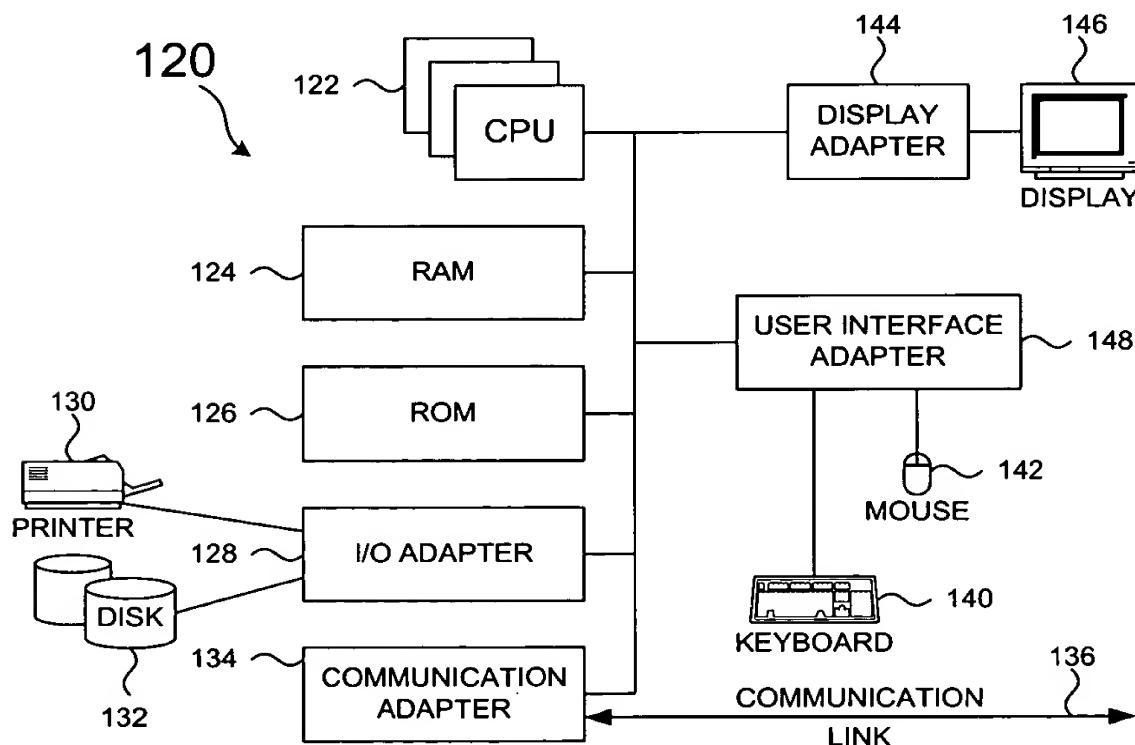


FIG. 1B
(PRIOR ART)

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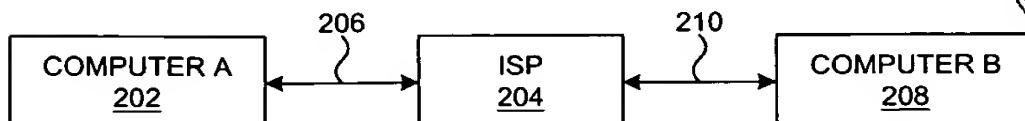


FIG. 2A
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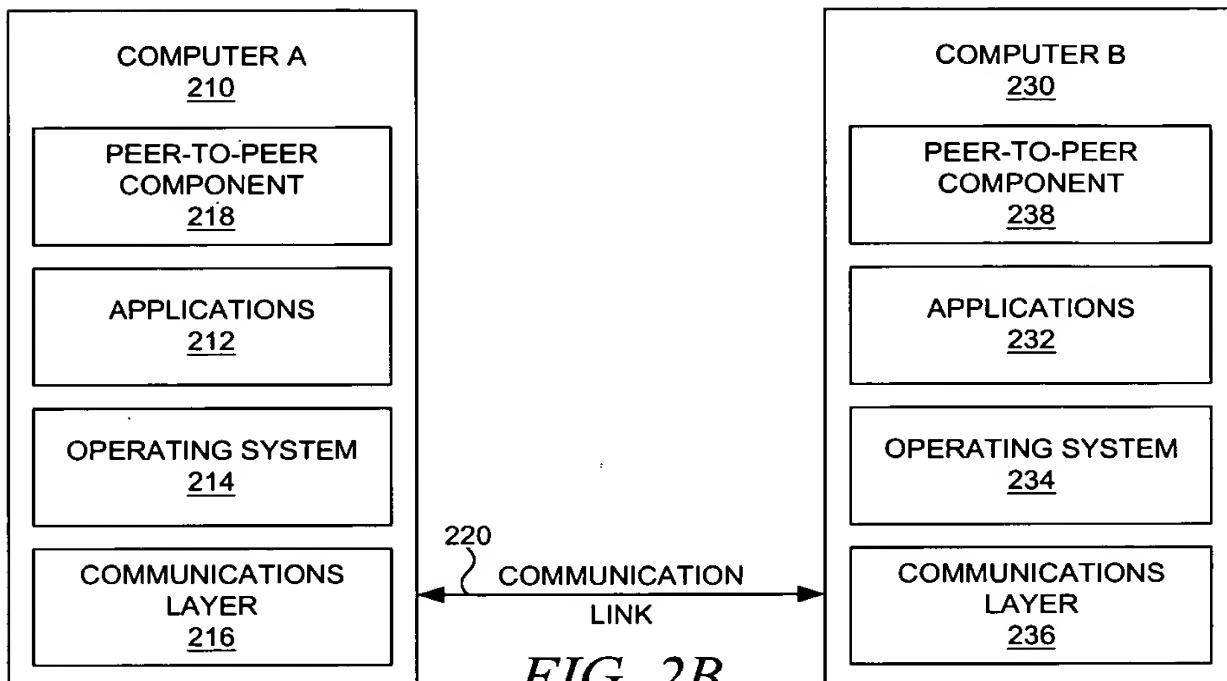


FIG. 2B
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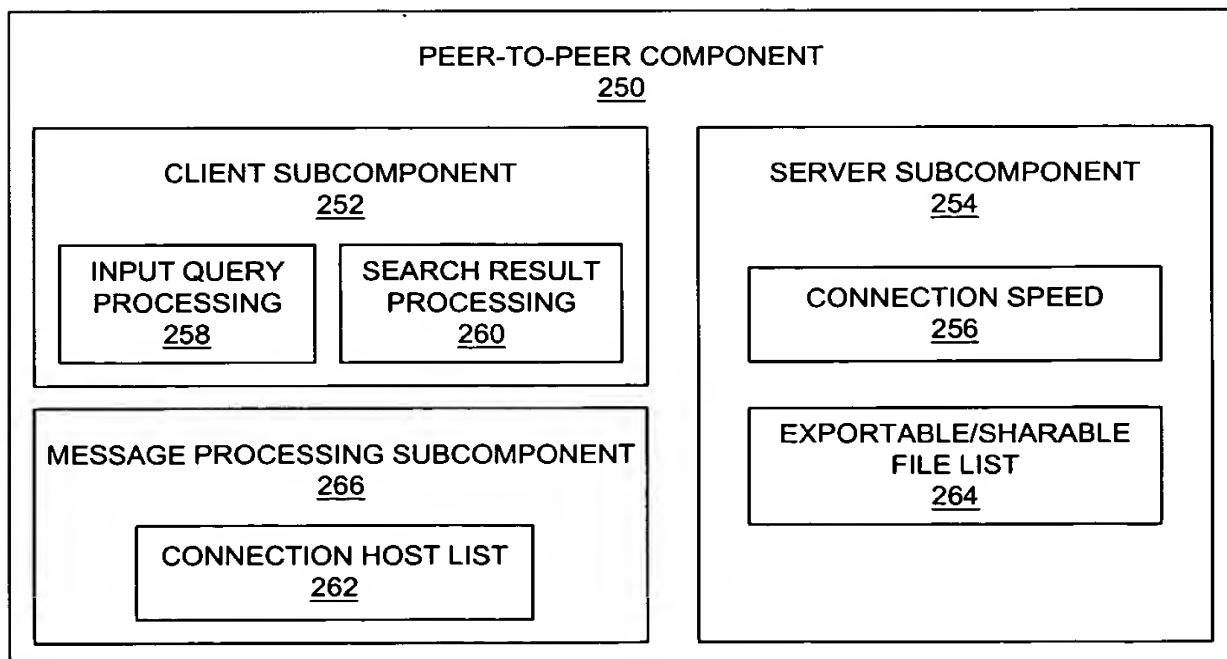


FIG. 2C
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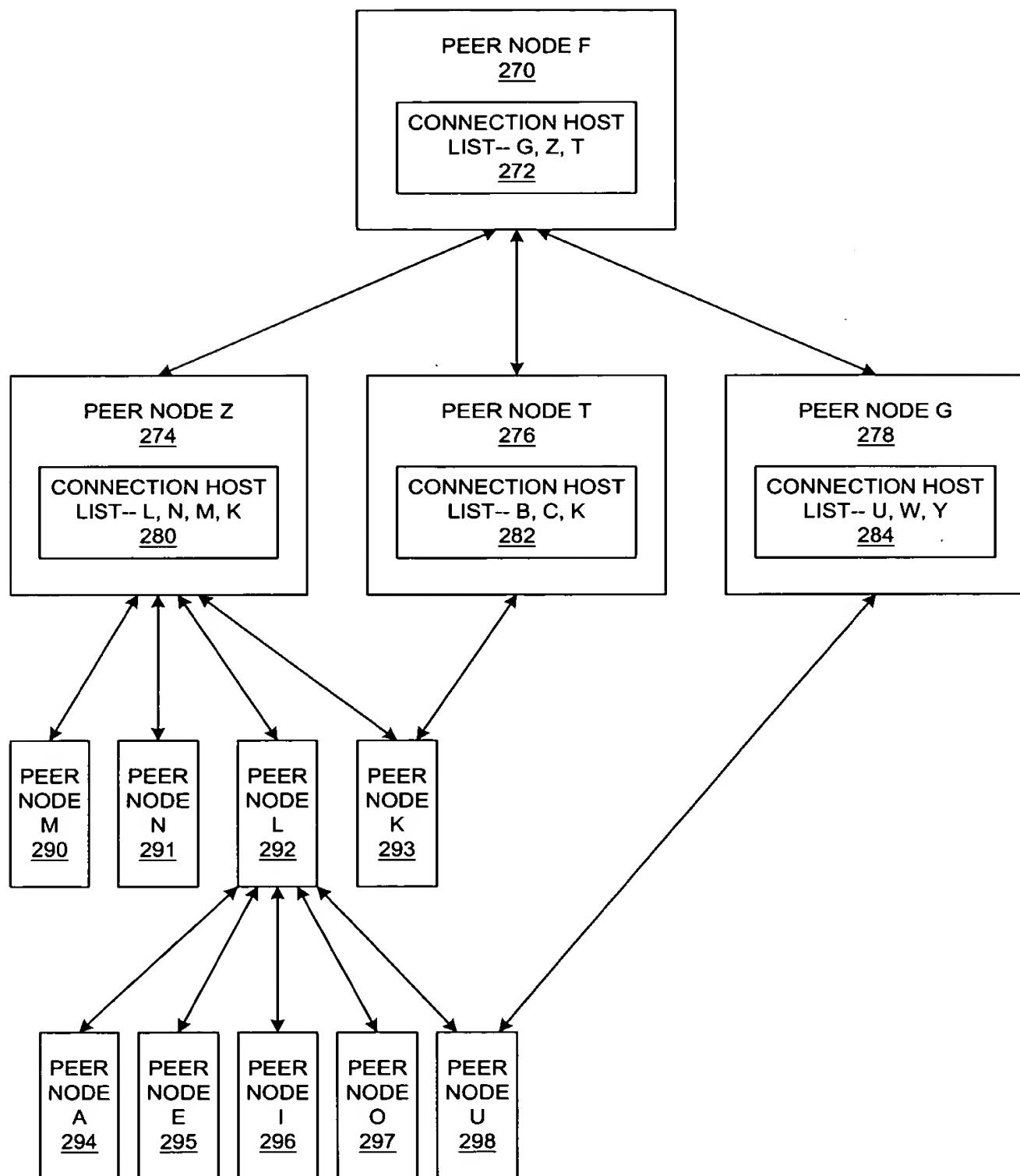


FIG. 2D
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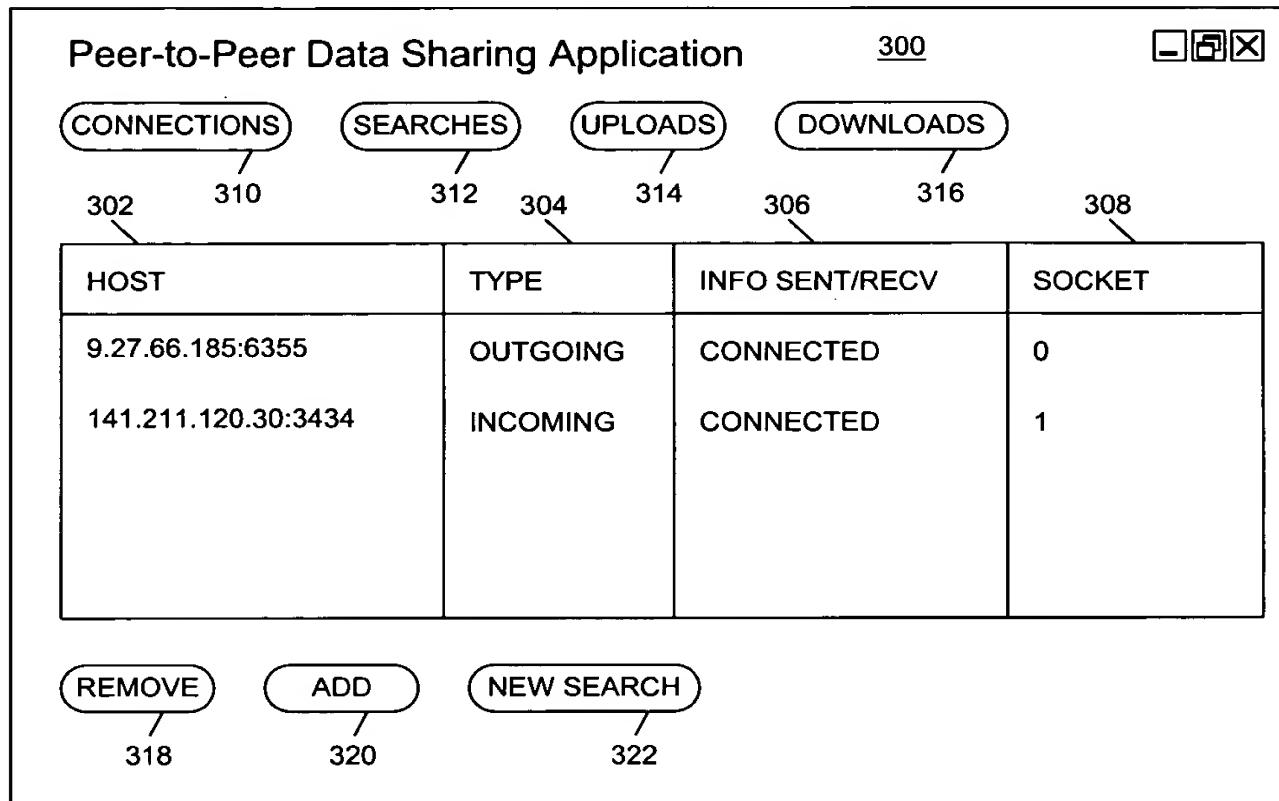


FIG. 3
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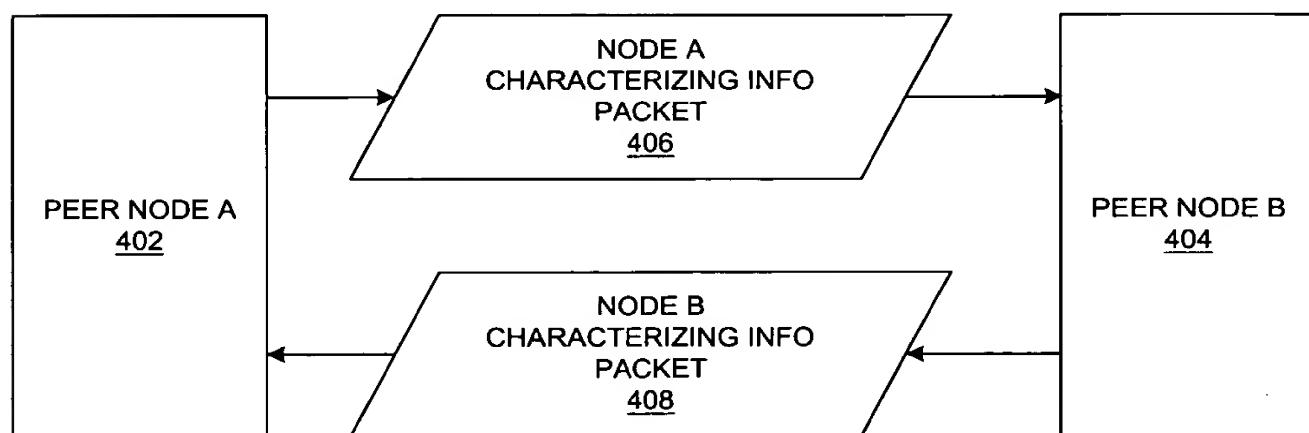


FIG. 4

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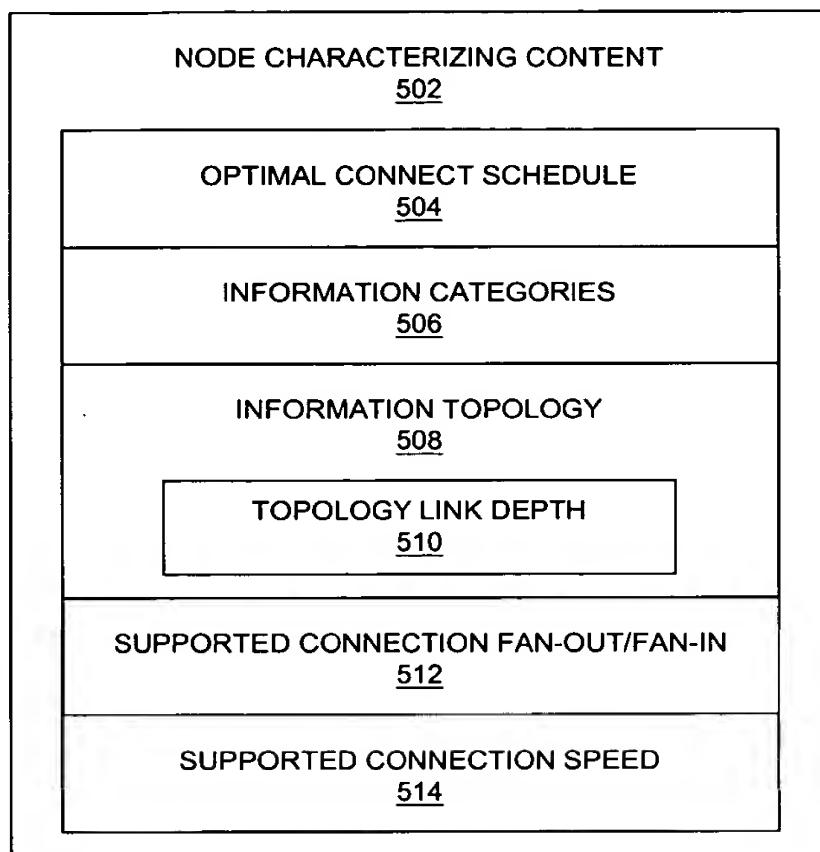


FIG. 5

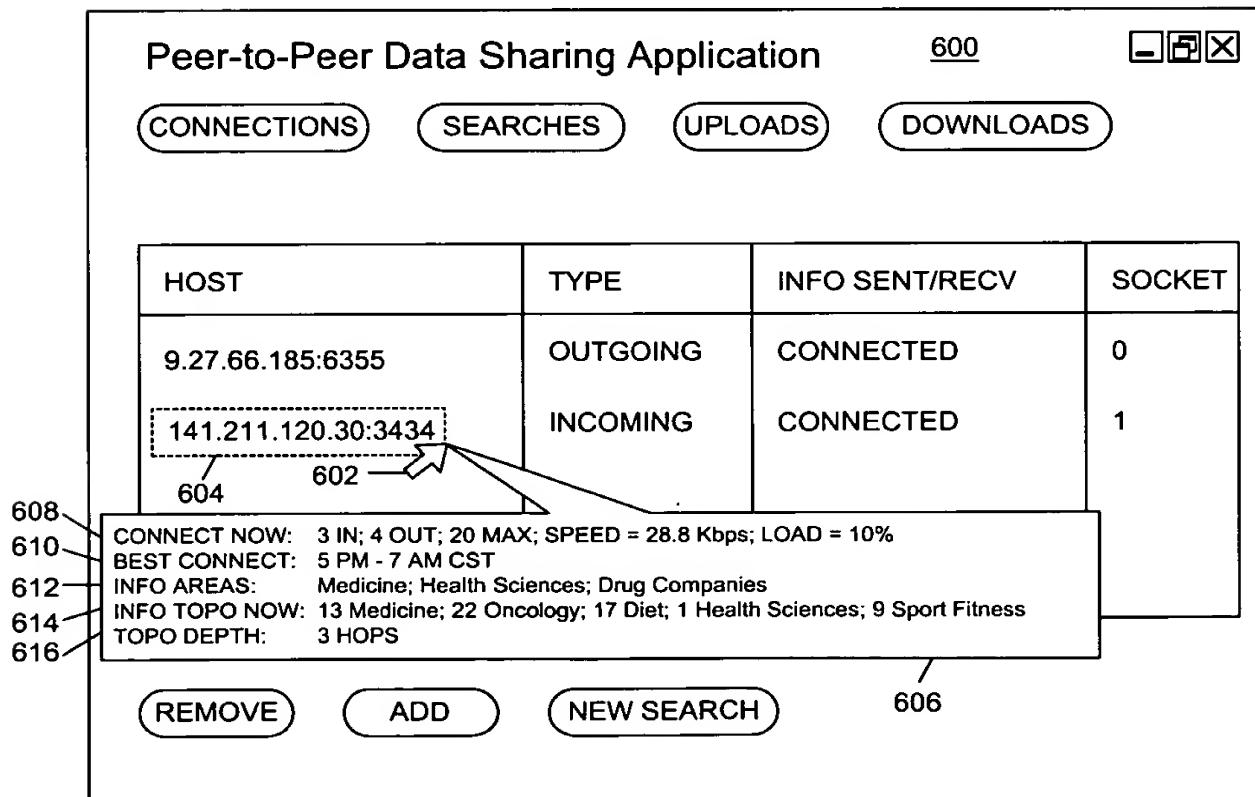


FIG. 6

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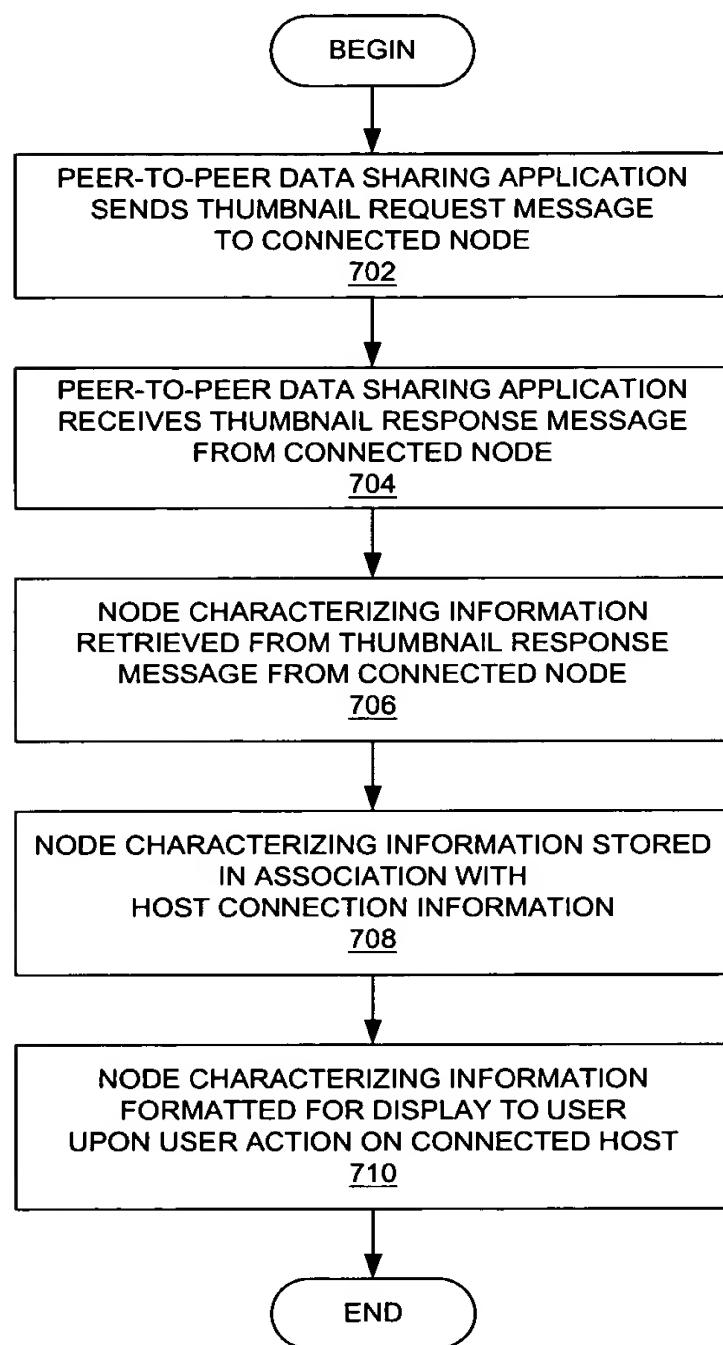
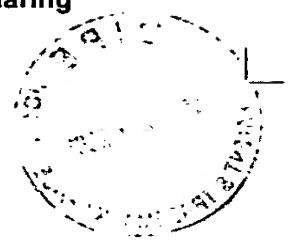


FIG. 7